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## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC APPROVES LACLEDE GAS REQUEST TO PROVIDE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, MISSOURI**

Jefferson City (January 12, 2005)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application authorizing Laclede Gas Company to provide natural gas service in the City of St. Paul, in St. Charles County. Laclede will be providing service to two proposed residential subdivisions (Matteson Ridge Estates and Riverdale) adjacent to Laclede's current service area in St. Charles County.

In a memorandum to the Commission, the PSC Staff recommended the application be approved saying the request was in the public interest.

Based upon a thorough review of the evidence presented, the Commission said "the proposed additional service would be an improvement justifying its cost and that the inconvenience to the public occasioned by the lack of gas service is sufficiently great to amount to a necessity. Therefore, the Commission determines that Laclede's exercise of the franchise it has obtained from the City of St. Paul is both necessary and convenient for the public service."

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 631,000 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.